

MILITARY AIR

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 19 Mar 60	2. LOCATION Vicinity North Platte, Nebraska	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Mirage</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 0530Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5-6 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS three	9. COURSE erratic
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Three white lights in line formation, size of grapefruit; lights had various intensities and movements. Lights were brighter than surrounding stars and ground lights.	11. COMMENTS The most important clue in this report is probably the use of the word "haze" by the witnesses. An inversion or haze layer was probably present which resulted in the bright stars on the horizon or just below the horizon resulting in the effects experienced by the two pilots. It is concluded that a mirage of bright stars or ground lights was probably the cause of this sighting.	

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UNC LAS OS 2226 C. UFO. 15A (1) LIGHTS IN LINE FORMATION (HORIZONTAL)
(2) GRAPEFRUIT. (3) WHITE. (4) THREE. (5) LINE ABREAST. (6) NONE.
(7) NONE. (8) NONE. (9) VARIOUS INTENSITIES OF LIGHTS AND
MOVEMENTS. B (1) THREE LIGHTS BRIGHTER THAN SURROUNDING STARS OR
GROUND LIGHTS. (2) AIRCRAFT HEADING 261 DEGREES AND 240 DEGREES.
OBJECTS IN 10, 11 AND 12 O'CLOCK POSITIONS DURING SIGHTING. (3)
10 O'CLOCK TO AIRCRAFT, LEVEL. (4) MOVED INITIALLY FROM LEFT TO RIGHT
WENT OUT INDIVIDUALLY, RETURNED 5 MINUTES LATER ONE BY ONE MOVING
FROM RIGHT TO FAR LEFT (10 O'CLOCK) GETTING BRIGHTER. (5)
INSTANTANEOUSLY TO SOUTHEAST ONE BY ONE IN LINE ABREAST FORMATION.

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(6) 5 TO 6 MINUTES TOTAL. C (1) AIR VISUAL. (2) NONE. (3) T-33,
ACJ 535852 26000 FEET, 261 AND 240 DEGREES, 300 G. S. 340 TAS,
MCGUIRE AFB, NEW JERSEY. D (1) 200530Z MAR 60. (2) NIGHT.
E. 20 MILES NORTHEAST NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA AND 20 MILES SOUTHWEST,
NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA. F (1) N/A. (2) WILLIAM M. MAC INNES, CAPT.
141ST TFS, NJANG, IP, GOOD RELIABILITY, WILLIAM W. DIENER, CAPT.,
3415TH TECH SCHOOL, LOWRY AFB, PILOT, GOOD RELIABILITY. G. LOW
3000 FEET. GROUND COVER-CLEAR AT ALTITUDE 50 PLUS VISABILITY.
(1) 3000 FEET UNDER CAST EAST OF NORTH PLATTE, CLEAR 60 MILES WEST
OF NORTH PLATTE. (2) SFC 230/10, 6M 330/10, 10M 340/20, 16M 330/25,
20M 330/25, 30M 330/35, 50M 350/40. (3) CLEAR (4) 50 PLUS. (5) THIN
GROUND COVER (UNDERCAST 3000 FEET). (6) NONE. H. NONE. I.
DISTANCE TO FAR TO EFFECT INTERCEPT OR IDENTIFICATION. UHF RADIOS
HAD BEEN WORKING WELL UP TO THE TIME OF OBJECTS, THEN NO CONTACT
COULD BE MADE WITH ANY STATION UNTIL 10 MILES NORTHEAST OF DENVER.
J. NONE. K. AIRDROME OFFICER-UNABLE TO EVALUATE DUE TO SIGHTING
OF OBJECTS DURING FLIGHT OVER NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA. L. NONE.
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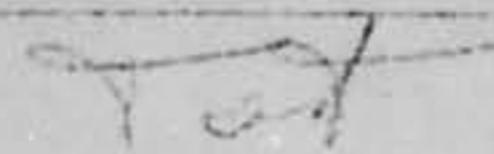
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<p>/UNCLAS/ FROM: AFCIN-4E2 <u>3 961-E</u></p> <p>YOUR MSG OS 2226C, DTD 21 MAR 60. HOW WAS THE SIZE OF THE LIGHTS DETERMINED? WHAT WAS THE ACFT HEADING WHEN THE LIGHTS WERE FIRST SEEN? WAS ACFT HEADING CHANGED BEFORE LIGHTS FIRST DISAPPEARED? WHAT WAS THE ACFT POSITION WHEN HEADING WAS CHANGED, AND WHEN LIGHTS REAPPEARED? WHAT WAS THE ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF THE LIGHTS WHEN THEY APPEARED AND DISAPPEARED EACH TIME? HOW FAR APART DID THE LIGHTS APPEAR TO BE?</p>						
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UNCL OS 23530. YOUR AFCIN-4E2 3-961-E. ANSWER TO
QUESTIONS FOLLOW: A. LIGHTS (3) ABREAST FIRST APPEARED IN AN
11 O'CLOCK POSITION ABOUT LEVEL WITH THE HORIZON. LIGHTS APPEARED
TO BE SLIGHTLY BRIGHTER THAN AVERAGE STAR AND GAVE THE SAME
APPEARANCE OF STANDARD AIRCRAFT LANDING LIGHTS BY SIZE. B. AIRCRAFT
HEADING APPROXIMATELY 270 DEGREES. C. LIGHTS DISAPPEARED AND
REAPPEARED WHILE AIRCRAFT REMAINED ON ORIGINAL 270 DEGREES
HEADING. D. AIRCRAFT CHANGED COURSE OVER NORTH PLATTE TO APPROXIMATELY
215 DEGREES HEADING. E. FIRST APPEARANCE 255 DEGREES AND
LEVEL WITH HAZY HORIZON. LIGHTS MOVED TO ABOUT 265 DEGREES

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AND DISAPPEARED. REAPPEARED APPROXIMATELY 5 MINUTES LATER AT 10 O'CLOCK OR 240 DEGREES AT ABOUT 15 TO 20 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON. LIGHTS CONTINUED TO MOVE TO LEFT DISAPPEARING AND REAPPEARING AT UNTIMED INTERVALS GROWING AND LESSENING WITH VARIED INTENSITY. MOVEMENT APPEARED RELATIVELY SLOW WHEN LIGHTS DID MOVE ABOUT THE APPARENT SPEED OF AN AIRCRAFT FLYING SOME 4 MILES AFREAST IN AN OPPOSITE DIRECTION. F. FOR COMPARISON, LIGHTS APPEARED TO BE 2000 TO 3000 FEET APART IF THEY HAD BEEN AIRCRAFT FLYING A LOOSE TACTICAL FORMATION.

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UFO ANALYSIS SHEET

Location Wilson North Platte Neb. area

Date 20 March 60 Hour (L) 03-30±
WX 30°F ceilings + 60 mi vis, thin ground cover, wind SW @ 10 knots
and NW @ 10-40 knots

Description 3 white lights in line formation, appeared
to be slightly brighter than average stars, giving the same
appearance of standard night sky lights by eyes

Direction of Motion ERRATIC

Satellite: (AFCIN-4F3, Phone 69219) No continuity or
motion → IN SIGHT 5-6 MINUTES

Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc) METEORS RULED OUT
BECAUSE OF MOTION - NO PLANETS OR COMETS IN POSITION REPORTED

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-4E1) N/A

Natural Phenomena (Ball Lightning, etc) N/A

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc. Possibly BALLOON - motion
NOT CONSISTENT WITH THAT OF AN AIRCRAFT.

Other Possibly DUE TO A MIRAGE OR BRIGHTEST
STARS OR GROUND LIGHTS -

Evaluation of Source Reliability Precarly GOOD -

Analysis and Conclusions: The most important clue in
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